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1. AS IS EVIDENTLY THE CASE WITH SOME OTHER POSTS IN THE
REGION, EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL AMCHAM IN TRYING
TO DEVELOP OUR JOINT STUDY PROJECT HAS BEEN THAT A CONSIDERABLE
AMOUNT OF TIME HAS BEEN REQUIRED IN REACHING TAKE-OFF SPEED.
EMBOFF WHO REGULARLY ATTENDS MONTHLY CHAMBER BOARD
OF GOVERNORS' MEETINGS FIRST RAISED GENERAL SUBJECT
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AT MAY MEETING, AND IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS INTRODUCED SPECIFICS.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF STATE 112598 AND
166138 TO EACH GOVERNOR AND EMBOFF TOOK SEVERAL OPPROTUNITIES
TO URGE PRIORITY FOR THE STUDY. ALTHOUGH CHAMBER REACTION
WAS POSITIVE AND EVEN ENTHUSIASTIC, NOTHING HAPPENED UNTIL
AUGUST 18 WHEN A NEWLY CONSTITUTED TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ITS FIRST MEETING. BURRIDGE/WARNE STUDY OUTLINE HAS

NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

2. PART OF THE CAUSES FOR DELAY HAVE BEEN ORGANIZATIONAL IN THAT NO COMMITTEE SYSTEM EXISTED UNTIL PRESSURE FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESULTED IN THE INAUGURATION OF WORKING COMMITTEES SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. SOME OF THE COMMITTEES HAVE BEGUN TO FUNCTION, BUT THE DESIGNATED TRADE EXPANSION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HAS YET TO ORGANIZE. IN JULY, EMBOFF WAS ASSIGNED TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT COMMITTEE, BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL CHAIRMAN DEPARTED ON HL THAT CHAMBER OFFICE COULD SELECT AN ALTERNATE TO APARK FORWARD MOTION THROUGH A SUBCOMMITTEE.

3. FIRST MEETING ON AUGUST 18 INCLUDED FOUR TRADERS, ONE BANKER, ONE LEASING COMPANY EXECUTIVE (WITH US AID EMBASSY BACKGROUND), WHO ARE OF LONG EXPERIENCE PLUS CHAMBER EXEC DIR AND EMBOFF. ACTION PLAN AND TIMETABLE WERE SET, ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED AND REFINED WITH THE RESULT THAT REASONABLE HOPE EXISTS FOR MEETING APCAC AND DEPARTMENT DEADLINES WITH REASONED AND PRACTICAL INPUT FROM SEOUL. MEMBERS APPEARED ENTHUSED AND EAGER TO COMMIT THEIR VIEWS AND THOSE OF OTHERS TO PAPER. ALTHOUGH GROUP WILL GIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE PROJECT AT HAND, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE OUGHT TO BE PERMANENT.

4. EMBOFFS CONCUR WITH TAIPEI'S JUDGEMENT (TAIPEI 5012) THAT THE EMBASSIES WILL CLEARLY HAVE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT UNCLASSIFIED

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ROLE IN ASSEMBLING CHAMBER INPUTS, COLLATING IT, AND THEN DRAFTING THE FINISHED PRODUCT AND WE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO. GLEYSSTEEN

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